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STARTING OUR THIRD YEAR

We have creaked and groaned our way through two long years with Impassable and waiting for this second anniversary issue only to have our overworked mimeo machine breakdown. As a result, we are again late and are asking the players to act quickly to help by taking this short deadline in stride. We want to stick to the schedule! When so close after so long a struggle, we won't let any stupid machine stop us! Unfortunately, this so-called anniversary issue will have to be short as possible. We'll see as we go along how short.

We have learned a lot in these last few months and have learned enough, we hope, to avoid any future problems. Alas, the current workload will be slow in reducing itself. In fact, of the four zines I'm doing, this one is the first to ease up as far as games are concerned. It is still a tossup whether we'll start games as soon as the old finishes up or whether we'll use the space to close out Lost Horizons and move its games into here. At the least, we intend to run a few regular games including the two championship games, a game for winners similar to our 1972CJ game, and a few for novices. How many games depends on how things brighten up in the near future.

So, instead of a merry and glorious celebration, we're having one that is gloomy and retrospective.

Now that we have fixed the machine, we hope it will stay fixed long enough for us to run this issue off as we'll have two weeks to get it fixed permanently at shop. Peace.

A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE DIPLOMACY COUNTRIES By Eric Verheiden

For all the work that has gone into compiling statistics on game results by the successive custodians of the Boardman numbers (currently Conrad von Metzke), little has been done in the way of analysis of the statistics. In the main, these statistics have been used by the keepers of the various ratings systems and thus have been of little use to Diplomacy players in general. Hopefully what follows will begin to remedy that situation somewhat.

My analysis was done on 142 games, consisting of all those published in Conrad von Metzke's Everything since November, 1972 (issue #3). As such, the analysis reflects recent trends more than general results over the entire history of the hobby.

What I was concerned with mainly was the final standings in terms of supply centers and in particular what statistical relationships existed between the totals for the different countries. What I came up with was the partial correlation matrix printed below:
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HELP! WE CAN USE SOME STANDBYS

In Lost Horizons, we need standbys for both Youngstown, a Dbu variant type (Walker), and for Atlantica I. Let us know if you want to become a standby!

In Impassable, the old standby system has been scrapped mainly because of the end-game situations of the games within. By now, we have eliminated the unreliable players and very few have survived this far. So, the new system we're going to set up is a pool of standbys for all the games within. When a country experiences missing orders, we will assign a person to become permanent standby for that country. At this stage of our games, we feel it is more important that a standby standby for only one country per game--even on a temporary basis as privileged information given to a possible takeover player might be too much with these end-game situations. If you're still interested in standing by for these games, please let us know! We are going to start this list from scratch!

Statistical Analysis, Cont. By Eric Verheiden

	AUSTRIA	ENGLAND	FRANCE	GERMANY	ITALY	RUSSIA	TURKEY
AUSTRIA	1	-.112	-.126	-.194	-.059	-.206	-.298
ENGLAND	-.112	1	-.191	-.291	-.125	-.227	-.051
FRANCE	-.126	-.191	1	-.222	-.270	-.161	+.061
GERMANY	-.194	-.291	-.222	1	-.171	-.219	-.035
ITALY	-.059	-.125	-.270	-.171	1	+.019	-.338
RUSSIA	-.206	-.227	-.161	-.219	+.019	1	-.267
TURKEY	-.298	-.051	+.061	-.035	-.338	-.267	1

What this table indicates is what happens on the average to the endgame supply center total of each of the Diplomacy countries when the supply center total of a given country is increased by one. For instance, if Russia picks up one, the on-the-average France loses .161 centers and Italy gains .019 centers.

Put in a somewhat different form, the meaning of the table becomes more apparent:

	+	-	-	-	-	-
	1	0	1	2	3	4
AUSTRIA	0987654321	0123456789	0123456789	0123456789	0123456789	0123456789
ENGLAND	-----I-----EF-----GR-----T-----	-----T-----AI-----F-R-----G-----	-----T-----A-----R-E-G-----I-----	-----T-----I-A-RF-----E-----	-----R-----A-----E-----G-----F-----T-----	-----I-----F-----AGE-----T-----
FRANCE	-----T-----	-----A-----R-E-G-----I-----	-----T-----I-A-RF-----E-----	-----R-----A-----E-----G-----F-----T-----	-----I-----F-----AGE-----T-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----
GERMANY	-----T-----	-----A-----R-E-G-----I-----	-----T-----I-A-RF-----E-----	-----R-----A-----E-----G-----F-----T-----	-----I-----F-----AGE-----T-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----
ITALY	-----R-----	-----A-----E-----G-----F-----T-----	-----I-----F-----AGE-----T-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----
RUSSIA	-----I-----	-----F-----AGE-----T-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----
TURKEY	-----F-----	-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----	-----F-----G-E-----R-A-----I-----

The numbers across the top represent correlation in hundredths between the listed countries at the left and the initialled countries in the body of the table.

Assuming for a moment that the higher the correlation between two countries, the more likely they are to expand independently of one another and conversely, the lower the correlation, the more likely that one will expand only at the other's expense, the above table might be used to determine which countries might be called naturally friendly, neutral and naturally hostile toward a given country.

Rather arbitrarily taking -.10 to -.20 as the neutral range, with -.10 and up as naturally friendly and -.20 and down as naturally hostile, we see for instance that all the western countries are naturally friendly to Turkey while all three of Turkey's eastern neighbors are naturally hostile. This tends to reflect experience, in that Turkey has a distressing tendency to either be smashed by its neighbors in the first few game years or to survive and eventually expand all over the eastern half of the board. Turkish incursions into the west, by virtue of distance considerations, tend to be minimal on the other hand.

Finally, it might be of interest to look at the distribution of the supply center totals for the various countries.

	0	1-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17	18+
AUSTRIA	80	17	14	13	5	4	9
ENGLAND	45	24	26	19	12	4	12
FRANCE	53	28	28	16	5	3	9
GERMANY	63	28	10	12	9	2	18
ITALY	59	42	13	12	4	3	9
RUSSIA	71	29	8	11	5	4	14
TURKEY	51	29	21	18	16	2	5

This may be updated eventually, depending on access to more game results and continued access to the all-important computer which did all the work. #end#

((We thank Eric Verheiden for another good article on Diplomacy. We must note that using a computer for evaluating the statistics may be the first ever! We wish him further success.))

1973DIL, Summer & Fall 1019

IRISH NATIONS AND ALLIES ATTEMPT TO STOP NORTH ALLIANCE FROM RUNNING OVER ALL ULSTER'S OUT!

Error: Overlooked printing of Scot order for Army York-Chester last season.

Summer 1019: Kymru R A Shr-Gwy; Ulster D F Dow
Fall 1019:

ENGLAND(Swies): A Pow S Kymru A Gwy-Shr
KYMURU(Gemignani): A Gwy-Shr, F Mer-Mon,
A Her-Sta, A Car-Bue

LEINSTER(Fujihara): A Ros-Ern, A Ang-Tyr,
A Mea H, A Glo-Ord, F NGC-SIS, F CaB S
Kymru F Mer-Mon, F Wex-Wlc, F Dub-DrB

MUNSTER(Dick): F StG-NGC, F Mid-Nat, A Sli-
Bre, A Tua-Sli, A Lei-Tua, A Cas-Wat

ORKNEY(Keller): F Iat S Scot F WMI-Nat,
F Don-Bre, A Oma-Ern, F Arm S Scot F Dow-
DrB, A Dur H, F Mon-MoB

SCOTLAND(Tonnesen): A Alc-Mon, F NIS C A
Alc-Mon, F Iri C A Alc-Mon, F ChB S A Alc-
Mon, A Shr-Sta, A Str S A Shr-Sta, A Dal-
Dow, F Dow-DrB, F WMI-Nat, A Che-Gwy

ULSTER(Drews): Out of game

WINTER 1019 ORDERS ARE DUE SATURDAY, April
20, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1019 S.C.C.:

England: Pow (1) SP

Kymru: Car, Bue, Shr, ~~Sta~~ (3) Rl

Leinster: Hom, Ros, ~~Sli~~, Ber (7) Rl

Munster: Hom, Lei, Tua, Sli, (7) Rl

Orkney: Heb, Sky, Cai, Don, Mon, Oma, Arm,
Dur (8) B2

Scotland: Hom, Kin, ~~Dur~~, Der, Che, Dow, Man,
Sta (10) SP

Ulster: Arm (0) Out of game!

Press:

Kymru: I think Scotland knows what this means.

Munster to Orkney: Do we understand you
right? You want us to help you crunch
Scotland? How can we?

Scone: King Malcom II thanks the Brave King
Richard the Lion-hearted for his much needed
help. The brave MERRY MEN OF KING RICHARD
have fooled and confounded our enemies for
years. I am sure they will continue to do
so. Long Live King Richard!!

Scone: King Malcom II to Queen of Kymru--Do
not fight us, attack only the Irish invaders
and we will start to think about some kind
of treaty such as we have with England. As
long as you attack my men we have nothing to
talk about!!

Stonehenge: The big sarsen stone spake: "Does
Scone know where Lions go to prove themselves?"

Armagh: Adieu, sweet Emerald Isle. We have
done our duty and now can sleep the eternal
rest of the dead.

Impassable: We thanks Harry Drews for playing
this poor country for so long until the end.
We invite him to enter our second game of
SSIII in Lost Horizons! For that matter, we
invite any from this game to enter! Game fee
is \$6.00, which includes map/rules (you guys
can use the big single sheet map?).

1970BJ, WAR FLARES UP AGAIN!

Error: Winter 1910 positions incorrectly
gave Italy A Tri instead of F Nwg which it
does have.

We are asking Ron Kelly, 225 Virginia Ave.,
S.E. Rm. #210, Washington, DC 2003 to act
as permanent standby for Russia. We have not
heard from Russia lately, and we are therefore
putting him on probation. One more miss for
him and Kelly takes over. You may negotiate
with Kelly in the event he may replace Richter.

Okay you guys....here's my game plan for
this game! We are going to put Richter on
probation and have Kelly stand-by. As you
can guess, Richter has been missing the votes.
This time, we received only two votes: 1 yes
and 1 no. However, we have received what we
feel is a legitimate plan of attack/alliance
that should break up the deadlock. We leave
it up to you to guess how. However, if after
two seasons the results are not encouraging,
we will again ask for a draw and it will take
a majority vote to continue the game at that
second request. We will not allow any more
single player protests--this current plan
must work to break the deadlock! Therefore:

SPRING 1911 ORDERS ARE DUE Saturday, April
20, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1910 Positions:

Austria(Beyerlein): A Ber, A Tyr, A Vie, A
Bud, A Ser, A Bul, A Rum, A War (8)

England(Keller): F Bel, F Lon, F Edi (3)

Germany(Mahler): F Hol, F Den, A Ruh, A
Mun (4)

Italy(Phillips): F Gre, A Alb, F Ion, F Nwg,
F Lyo, F Adr, A Ven, A Pie, A Bur, A Pic,
F Eng, F Nat (12)

Russia(Kelly? Richter?): F Aeg, A Arm, A
Liv, A Con, F Nth, F Nor, A Fin (7)

Please note: We are asking Kelly to submit
orders each season so that when Richter misses,
his takeover will be immediate. Your orders
can thus be made conditional upon his takeover.

1972AZ, Winter 1910

error Fall 1910: Forgot to print French order of F Wes-Mid

Winter 1910:

A STRIA(Osmanson): B A Bud

ENGLAND(Wiskow): SP

FRANCE(Mahler): R A Par

ITALY(Hollingsworth): SP

Vote on Draw: France Yes, Italy No, Austria No, England No. Vote defeated.

SPRING 1911 ORDERS ARE DUE Saturday, April 20, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T. Also, vote for win.

Winter 1910 Positions:

Austria: A Sny, F Gre, A Ser, A Rum, A Sev,

A Ukr, A Tri, A Vie, F Alb, A Bud (10);

England: F Eng, F Nwg, F Nth, F Den, A Ruh,

A Bel, A Hol, A Mun, A Sil, A Ber, A Mos, A

Liv, A War, A Pru (14); France: A Tyr, A Pie,

F Tyr, F Mid, F Tun, A Bur, F Bre, F Ion,

F Adr (9); Italy: F Aeg (1)

Press:

France: I call for a concession of victory to England. In case a three-way draw had taken place, Austria would've had the second largest number of units (since I'd eventually lose Paris and Brest to England.) So what Austria has done is trade a 1/3 win and "Second Place" for just second place. The only thing dumber than that was my believing Austria was telling the truth (or that he could act rationally.) Somehow I just get the impression he/doesn't like me. I can see why. First I had the nerve after concluding an alliance with Austria, to call on his help when Italy went to Piedmont in Fall 1901

(breaking a treaty with me, probably at Austria's urging.) Next I had the nerve to be in the way when he joined the battle between me and Italy without provocation or warning, on Italy's side. Excuse me, oh pure and noble Osmanson for provoking your wrath!

As for England, the best man won. Thank you for a wonderful game.

Vienna: The Austrian Government wishes only death to France.

1972BG, Fall 1910

RUSSIA UNITES HOMELAND AS AUSTRIA PULLS OUT!
GERMANY GOES RED WITH AUSTRIAN ARMIES IN IT!

AUSTRIA(Pyle): A Ruh S Rus F Bel, A Mun S
A Ruh, A Ber-Kie, A Sil-Ber, A Boh-Sil,

A War-Gal, A Ukr H, A Ser H, A Bul H,

F Ank H, A Vie-Boh

ENGLAND(Keller): A Pic-Den, F Eng C A Pic-Den,

F Nth C A Pic-Den, F NAT-Mid, F Nwy H,

F Nwg S F Nwy, A Swe S F Nwy

ITALY(Hrbek): F Con H, F Nap-Tyr, F Tyr-Wes,

A Bur-Pic, A Gas-Bre, A Par S A Gas-Bre,

F Bre-Eng, F Mid-Iri, F Spa(NC)-Mid

RUSSIA(Fish): F Bel H, A Hol S F Bel, A Fin-

Nwy, F Bar S A Fin-Nwy, A StP S A Fin-Nor,

A Liv-War

WINTER 1910 ORDERS Are due Saturday, April 20, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1910 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Hom, Ser, Gre, Bul, Mun, Rum, War,

Ber, Ank, Kie (11) SP

England: Hom, Nor, Den, Swe, Par (6) RI

Italy: Hom, Por, Spa, Tun, Mar, Sny, Con,

Bre, Par (11) B2, lost 1

Russia: Sev, Mos, StP, War, Kie, Hol, Bel

(7) RI

Press:

London: "Burp."

Upsluck, Iowa: What's this about the Russian Godfather makes you an offer you can't understand?

1972BW, Spring 1910

BATTLE RAGES BETWEEN TWO EQUAL ALLIANCES!

FRANCE(DePrisco): F Tyr S Ita F Tun-Ion,
A Boh S Ita A Mun, A Boh-Sil/r/, A Hol-Kie,
A Bel-Hol, F Nth-Nwg/r/, A Edi-Lvp, F Yor-
Edi, F Ion-Nth, F Bre-Eng

GERMANY(Davies): F Den S A Kie, A Kie S A
Ber-Mun, A Ber-Mun

ITALY(Lindauer): A Tri-Bud, A Mun S Fra A
Hol-Kie, A Vie S A Tri-Bud, A Ven-Tri,
F Adr S F Ion-Alb, F Ion-Alb, F Tun-Ion

RUSSIA(Knudsen): F Nwg S F Ska-Nth, F Ska-
Nth, F StP(nc)-Nwy, F Bal S Ger A Kie,
A Sil-Boh, A War-Sil, A Gal S A Sil-Boh,
A Bud-Vie/r/

TURKEY(Abbott): A Ser S A Gre-Alb, A Gre-Alb,
F Aeg-Gre, F Smy-Aeg, F Eas-Ion, A Bul S
F Aeg-Gré

SUMMER & FALL 1910 ORDERS AND Vote on DRAW (effective after Fall results) are due Saturday, April 20, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press:

Italy: Once again I'm going to call for a draw. I'll be in touch with all of you gentlemen.

1972CD, Winter 1909

ITALY ARMIES AND FLEETS READIES FOR VICTORY!!

Errors: England was forced to retreat out of Holland and Italy owns Berlin while France does not. Consequently, Italy gained four centers, but still builds only 3 this season. France has eight centers and one build.

Autumn 1909: England R F Hol-Hel; Russia R A Rum-Gal, A Ank-Arm

Winter 1909:

ENGLAND(Schleinkofer): R F Wal, F Iri, F Hel

FRANCE(McKeon): Refused to build? 1 short.

ITALY(Morris): B A Ven, A Rom, F Nap, will be 1 short.

RUSSIA(Brennan): R A Gal, A Arm

SPRING 1910 ORDERS due Saturday, April 20, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1909 Positions:

England: F NAT, F Eng, F Nth, F Nor, A Den (5); France: F Edi, F Por, A Bre, A Bel, A Bur, A Hol, A Ruh (7); Italy: F Mid, F Wes, F Iyo, A Kle, A Ber, A Mun, A Tyr, A Rum, A Bud, A Bul, F Ank, F Ela, F Smy, A Ven, A Rom, F Nap (16); Russia: A Sev, A Ukr, A War, A StP (4)

Press:

Rome, Jan. 7, 1910: Although the term "papal bull," used by Russia last fall, is somewhat appropriate we wish to remind the Czar that--but for the Italian press--almost every season there would be no releases at all. We believe that press releases add some "color" to a "war," something that other "wars" could use at times...Whether these releases are deemed true or not by others, of course, is really immaterial.

Impassable: Interesting point! Though we've allowed "black propaganda" we have had very little of it in our press. Most of it was at the beginning of these games. As they went on with fewer players, we had less of it.

1972CJ, Fall 1909 and Winter 1909

RUSSIA TAKES LEAD! WILL HE GO FOR WIN? WILL THE RED STOP THE POLES FROM BLEACHING ALL??

AUSTRIA(Verheiden): A Bre-Gas, A Mar-Gas, A Mun-Bur, A Pie-Mar, A Boh-Mun, A Bud-Gal, A Ank-Arm, A Tri-Vie, A Rom-Ven, A Tyr S A Boh-Mun, A Rum S A Bud-Gal, F Tus-Iyo, F Tyr-Tun, F Apu-Nap, F Con-Ela, F Ion S F Tyr-Tun

ITALIAN EMPIRE(Lakofka): F Wes S F Tun H, A Gas S Rus A Bur-Par, F Iyo S Rus F Mid-Spa(sc)

RUSSIA(Wrobeleski): A Por S F Mid-Spa(sc), F Nth C A Nor-Hol, F Mid-Spa(sc), A Bel-Pic, F Ska-Den, A Hol-Kie, F Iri-Mid, F Eng-Bre, A Bur-Par, A Ber S A Hol-Kie, A War-Pru, A Mos-Liv, F Sev H, A Nor-Hol

Winter 1909: Both players who have changes have requested to act in the following manner. Thus, with their firm support, we are going ahead and print Winter results. But first, how about the Fall 1909 Supply Center Chart! Fall 1909 S.C.C.:

Austria: Hom, Ser, Gre, Bil, Con, Smy, Ank,

Rom, Ven, Rum, Mar, Nap, Mun, Bre (16) SP

Italy: Tun, ~~SPA~~, ~~PAR~~, ~~PAR~~ (1) R3

Russia: Hom, Swe, Ber, Kle, Nwy, Den, Edi, Hol, Lon, Lvp, Bel, Por, Spa, Par (17) B3

Winter 1909:

Austria: SP

Italy: R A Gas, F Wes, F Iyo

Russia: B A Mos, A War, A StP

Winter 1909 Positions:

Austria: A Bre, A Mar, A Bur, A Pie, A Mun, A Gal, A Arm, A Vie, A Ven, A Tyr, A Rum, F Tus, F Tyr, F Nap, F Ela, F Ion (16)

Italy: F Tun (1)

Russia: A Por, F Nth, F Spa(sc), A Pic, F Den, A Kle, F Mid, F Eng, A Par, A Ber, A Pru, A Liv, F Sev, A Hol, A Mos, A War, A StP (17)

Which brings us at a rapid pace to:

SPRING 1910 ORDERS DUE Saturday, April 20, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press:

Vienna: It is inconceivable that the Russian government would sever its ties and institute a power grab of all remaining Italian foreign colonies, not to mention Brest and Marseilles, after such a successful joint campaign. Steps are being taken to insure continued joint success.

The Dream Maker--By Appointment Only:

Sinestrae, in the fragmented and torn body of Erika Rumble, began to exact death on the life form of Lendore. Lendore was a God in the dark world and even in his non-hosted form was a formidable foe. Sinestrae would not squash him like a bug. Minutes would pass before Lendore's spirit would finally yield. At first, Stan Rumble was unsure of how to proceed. He had to oppose Sinestrae, no matter what the cost! Stan's lips formed a chant in a language once uttered, but never (cont. next page!)

written, on this small planet. The foundation of the old building cracked and was torn; fires broke out throughout the ruin and the building was razed in a matter of moments. Yet the room in which this ordeal was being joined was intact, suspended in space, untouched. Stan took no time to marvel at this scene; he attacked Sinestrae itself! The first blow caused a loosening of its power to destroy Lendore and also on maintaining the room's delicate condition suspended 30' feet about a smoldering ruin. His attack did not succeed. Sinestrae counterattacked but also to no avail. Its power could not be placed on three tasks at once with any hope of success. Lendore began to revive! Sinestrae was caught between them! If it tried to release the room from its control, Lendore would escape and the chase would start again. Sinestrae's curse caused all of Seattle to quake at its wrath! Then Erika's torn body concentrated on Lendore. He must be vanquished. The humanoid could be dealt with later--Lendore must die--now!

The room became slightly translucent, as Sinestrae's power over it was diminished, but not released. Lendore's life spirit waned and began to be extinguished. Rumble attacked--then tried to fortify Lendore--but he was losing. Slowly and irrevocably Lendore was being cast out.

"The Pro Demo--of course" cried Stan. Erika winced as if in agony! "Oh spirit of inky blackness, oh Lord of the Damned, Oh Black Savior of my race, enter my body!" Sinestrae tried to counter this spell with all its might. The walls of the room feel away and all were dashed into the ruin below. They continued unabated. It was a draw. Lendore's life form was held between death and life, and if Sinestrae tried to attack Stan's mortal body, Lendore would enter him and Sinestrae would be the one in fear of death! --to be continued!

1972CK, Summer & Fall 1909

Summer 1909: Eng R A War-Pru; Ita NOR, GM
D F Ion

Fall 1909:

AUSTRIA(Chin): F Adr S Tur F Ion, A Ven S A Tyr, A Tyr S A Ven, A Boh S A Sil, A Sil S A War/r/, A War S A Mos, A Mos S A War, A Ukr S A War

ENGLAND(St. Johns): A StP-Mos, A Liv-War, A Mun-Sil, A Pru S A Mun-Sil, A Ber S A Mun-Sil, F Bal S A Pru, A Ruh-Mun, A Kie S A Ruh-Mun, A Bar S A Ruh-Mun, F Tyr-Rom

F Eng-Mid, F Iyo S Ita A Pie, F Nth H, F Bar H, F Naf H

ITALY(Gershenson): NOR. A Mar H, F Tus H

TURKEY(White): F Ion S Ita F Tun/nsu/, A Rom S Aus A Ven, F Nap S A Rom, F Apu S F Nap, A Gre H, F Aeg S F Ion, F Eas S F Ion

AUTUMN & WINTER 1909 ORDERS PLUS conditional SPRING 1910 ORDERS (Based on Austrian retreat and build) ARE DUE Saturday, April 20, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press:

Germany's Last Stand: Seeing as how I still have control of one S.C., I think that I still can write press. I think that I had better get everything in that I want to say, since I have a funny feeling that this might be my last season. (I wonder where I got an idea like that?) First of all, let me say that while Germany still has 1 S.C. I resign! (Only kidding!) I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a lousy game (only kidding again), and I'd like to say that I hope that I never have to play with any of you again (Once more I'm only kidding). ((Can't be too sure until he stabs you?)) I thank you all for the game and the good time I had, and I want you all to know that I bear no grudges. I forgive Italy for his two doublecrosses; the original France for his two doublecrosses; England for his three doublecrosses; Russia for his one doublecross; and Austria and Turkey for not coming to my aid soon enough. (Didn't you guys think I needed help? I thought it was pretty obvious!) In all sincerity, thanks for a great game!

Oops, Fall 1909 S.C.C.:

Austria: Hom, Ser, Rum, Mos, Sev, War, Ven
(9) Bl

England: Hom, StP, Nor, Den, Swe, Bel, Hol, Por, Kie, Par, Ber, Mun, Spa, War, (15) SP

Germany: ~~War~~ Out of game!

Italy: Mar, Bre, Tun (3) Remains 1 short, can't build

Turkey: Hom, Bul, Gre, Rom, Nap (7) SP

1972DD, Spring 1909

Error: Italy had F Naf, not F Nat

Note: England and Italy both called for a draw vote (5-way).

Spring 1909:

AUSTRIA(Leerkamp): A StP H, A Mos S A StP H, A War S A Pru, A Pru S A Sil, A Tyr-Mun,
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A Boh S A Tyr-Mun, A Sil S A Tyr-Mun,
 A Tri-Tyr, A Vie H, A Bud-Gal
 ENGLAND(Dick): A Fin-StP, F Wng-Bar, F Wal-
 Iri
 FRANCE(Fuji-hara): A Bur S Ger A Mun H, A Mar
 S F Wes-Spa(sc), A Gas S A Mar H, F Wes-
 Spa(sc)/a/, F Mid-Por, F Bre-Mid
 GERMANY(Chin): F Nwy S Eng A Fin-StP, F Bal-
 Bot, F Eng S Fra F Bre-Mid, A Ber S A Mun,
 A Kie S A Ber, A Mun S A Ber, A Ruh S A Mun
 ITALY(Roll): F Naf S F Tun-Wes, F Tun-Wes,
 F Tyr S F Tun-Wes, F Lyo C A Tus-Spa, F
 Aeg-Ion, A Tus-Spa, A Pie-Mar, A Sev-Ukr

FALL 1909 ORDERS and Vote for Draw (effective
 after Fall 1909 results) are due Saturday,
 April 20, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press:

Austria-Hungary Speaks (at last!): Alright,
 all you turkeys! (Scratch that! England
 will never listen...oh yeah! Ah plumb forgot
 about him. OK, how's this...) In view of
 the current world situation, it can only be
 apparent, as it has been for sometime to the
 more astute observers, that Armageddon is
 upon us. An unending conflict that will lead
 to the destruction of us all (as well as
 Impassable's typewriter) may not yet be
 unavoidable. (That's dumb! Ya sound like a
 burping, oratorical anal cavity...Oh brother,
 you got it Jack. I'm leaving!...Bye ding
 dong...) Here's the way it is. My Diplomacy
 set has run out of red army blocks. So I
 say we hang it up and call it a draw or cut
 down the number of units. (Jesus, is he
 talking about de-escalation? In Diplomacy?)
 The cut-down would be as follows: Two of each
 country's home centers would no longer be
 able to support units, and so each of us
 would have to reduce our forces by two. (ONE
 for England? Maybe) Anyway, that's the
 general idea. If you don't want to turn the
 stalemate into a contest by reducing the
 congestion of units, then you can all mark me
 down for a YES draw-vote!

Impassable: Are you psychic? Armageddon
 arrived a little bit early on my mimeo machine
 and my electric typewriter has been having
 trouble with shifting....Just when I was
 falling into a steady routine, the machines
 smear me! Last, I wish to note that I like
 your idea of voluntarily reducing units--for
 my variant game with a political union of the
 member nations....but for this regular game,
 the rules are against voluntary disbandings!
 A good try, but I see through your real ruse.
 to get a draw. De-escalation in Diplomacy?
 You gotta be crazy!!!!!!

In Choppy Seas Off Spain: Stroke! Stroke!
 bellowed Vice Admiral Ernesto Ginzo standing
 on the poop deck of his man-of-war.

With his spy glass the Admiral could see
 two French dreadnaughts on the horizon. On
 the lead ship there appeared tiny white puffs
 of smoke. A minute passed. Then a high
 pitched whistling was heard followed by a
 sploosh, sploosh, sploosh, five hundred yards
 astern.

Instantly Admiral Ginzo calls battle
 stations. In all the noise and confusion,
 Ginzo's voice is clearly heard, "Ramming
 speed." "Prepare the Greek fire." "Archers
 on deck."

As the sun sets we see the Italian
 Quindrireme Jamaria vigorously rowing toward
 the French Dreadnaught Jean Bart. Who will
 victory shine upon?

1972DF, Fall 1908

AUSTRIA(Conner): A Ven-Pie, A Vie S Tur
 A Gal-Boh, A Tyr S Tur A Gal-Boh
 ENGLAND(Lindauer): A Liv S A StP-Mos, A
 St.P-Mos, A Ukr-Gal, F Wes-Tyr, F Mar-Lyo,
 F Spa(sc) S F Mar-Lyo, F Por-Mid, F Mid-
 Naf, F Eng-Bel, F Nth S F Eng-Bel
 GERMANY(McKeon): A Gas-Mar, A Bur-Mun,
 A Boh-Vie/a/, A Sil S Eng A Ukr-Gal, A
 War S Eng A Ukr-Gal, A Pru S A War,
 F Bal H, F Kie H
 TURKEY(Blank): A Gal-Boh, A Bud-Gal, A Rum-
 Ukr, A Sev S A Rum-Ukr, A Ser-Rum, F Tus-
 Lyo, F Tyn S F Tus-Lyo, F Tun-Ion, F Naf-
 Tun, A Rom H, F Bla H

WINTER 1908 ORDERS and Vote for Draw (effect-
 ive after Winter orders) AND SPRING 1909
 Orders conditional on the German build are
 all due Saturday, April 20, 1974 at noon,
 E.D.S.T. Send spring orders even if you
 vote for the draw.

Fall 1908 S.C.G.:

Austria: Vie, Tri, Ven (3) SP
 England: Hom, Nwy, STP, Mos, Bre, Spa, ~~Mar~~,
 Por, Bel (10) SP
 Germany: Hom, ~~Bal~~, Hol, Den, Swe, Par, War,
 Mar (9) Bl, lost 2, will be 1 short
 Turkey: Hom, Bul, Gra, Rum, Sev, Ser, Nap,
 Rom, Tun, Bud (12) SP

Press:

Austria: Emperor William IV announced that
 he expected to travel heavily during the next
 year on missions of peace designed to bring
 friendship & love to all by 1910. He is
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currently visiting with President Fujihara in Detroit and will later meet with Canadian Prime Minister Laerkamp in Erie, PA toward those ends. He requested that no one should expect a fast reply during 1909!

Germany: Germany again proposes a four-way draw. This will be the last proposal of its kind from Germany.

THEM CHESS GAMES

Game #1: White-Harbor Black-Bisher
 10. B-QN5 check N(QN1)-Q2
 11. N-K5 PxN
 Game #2: White-Bisher Black-Bpasky
 15. B-B4 Q-KB4
 16. P-KN4 QxB
 17. Resigns

Fobby Bisher to Sorris Bpasky: A gamble is one thing, but stupidity is another! Because of that I must apologize to you and resign gracefully. When I got the last Impassable and saw my move I couldn't believe that that was what I had actually done. Unfortunately, it was! Besides resigning from this game, I challenge you to another, and I promise you that you won't even win the next one so easily; if you win at all!!! If you accept the challenge (Mr. Boyer permitting of course) you have White and may begin.

Sorris Bpasky(QxB): Looks like I've won the game, eh? If Boyer printed it right, then you've lost because I won't make any mistakes! Do you want to surrender your World Crown to me?

Impassable: I was worried for awhile until I did take another look at Bisher's order. It was indeed P-KN4 and a grievous error. Will Mr. Bpasky let us know if he'll play another?

THOSE IMPASSABLE PUZZLES

In our enthusiastic translation from the ancient language of the Elven, we added one too many characters. So, to correct the puzzle #30, we are hereby eliminating that Elf otherwise known as Walker the Elder. If you want to keep him in the puzzle, then he's with Warlock Wrobel. Thus, the last statement should have read:

15. Warlock Wrobel lives next to the bloodred Castle.

The solution, we have doublechecked, is unique and only one set of combination worked. Again, the questions are:

Who drinks Polock juice? And who owns the palantir? Again, solution will appear nextish.

It is one thing to purloin finely-tempered steel, and another to take a pound of literary old iron, and convert it in the furnace of one's mind into a hundred watchsprings, worth each a thousand times as much as the iron. When genius borrows, it borrows grandly, giving to the borrowed matter, a life and beauty it lacked before. --Anon.

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To feel alone at night is to also fear the dark.

One does not question why, but only feels the fear.

To feel the darkness of fear as it is for yourself, thus to fear that what you fear.

It is not very hard to be afraid of the dark; to be brave in the night is to not feel.

To not feel is to not know the fear of fear. And to not fear is to not know the darkness of the night.

--J.B.

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You are asked to standby
 for Game _____
 This is your last issue unless
 you do something drastic _____

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